Newsletter of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club

APRIL 2003

PRESIDENT'S CORNER
by Bud Hughes, K4CWG

The tower/antenna height issue has been the subject of this month. Bob, W4TAT through his endless efforts and your support has made great strides in the direction of acquiring some relief from the Brevard County's 35 ft maximum height limit for any tower/antenna structure. Thanks to the untiring efforts of our Bob W4TAT, the Brevard County Commissioners Chamber at the Viera Government facilities were packed with fellow hams from all over the county in support of the tower height exemption. Bob's presentation along with the five other speakers at the April 8th hearing surely has caught the attention of the commissioners. Bob is working on data as requested by the commissioners. There is an enormous amount of work to be done in this effort. Please continue to give Bob encouragement and support he may request of you.

For our members who will be leaving us for the summer please be sure and give Becky, Cori or yours truly your forwarding address and any changes if applicable to your email address. For email or addresses changes you may contact either Becky at kf4htb@TitusvilleARC.org, Cori at ke4wqd@TitusvilleARC.org or Bud at k4cwg@TitusvilleARC.org. If you send email address changes, Ozzie N4SCY our Web Master will be notified. Ozzie in turn will post the changes to the Reflector.

Just remember if you know the club member's call sign and do not remember his/her email address he or she may receive email from you by typing his/her call sign followed by @Titusville.Arc.org (no spaces). If you would like you may email me at k4cwg@TitusvilleARC.org with any updates and I will be happy to pass it on.

The 2003 Field Day event will be June 28th and 29th. I have acquired the necessary forms required to request the use of city owned property. TARC Assuming we receive the approval from the city, TARC Field Day activities will be held at the same site as for the past two years. The location is off Barna approximately ½ mile South of SR 50.

We have lost two of our friends to the Silent Key Club. Dick Shore AD4PC passed away some time last year. Dick was a resident of Merritt Island. I was made aware of our loss April 8th 2003. Jim Creevay, W4UYZ past away last week. Both Jim and Dick have been members of our club for many years. We will miss our fellow hams and extend our condolences to the families.

APRIL'S PROGRAM
By Ozzie Osband, N4SCY

Speaker will be from the Brevard County emergency Management office. Either Bob Ley or one of his co-workers. Topic: "Being a First Responder".

MARCH MINUTES
By Becky Lee KF4HTB

After the usual opening ceremonies of Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, introduction of members and guests, Bill Eppley, W4SDB played Happy Birthday and several other selections on his harmonica. He also told the club about playing at King Center before an audience of over 800.

Representatives from RACES and BEARS were present for the purpose of issuing identification badges.

Bob W4TAT spoke about the new Brevard County tower ordnance which has a limitation of 35 foot height for towers. He urged everyone to attend the meeting on April 8 in Viera. Bob has been cited for having a tower over 35 feet high and is fighting on his own behalf as well as on behalf of all other hams in Brevard to have this ordnance changed.

Bill Young KA4VYH told about the upcoming Disasters Safety Showcase to be hold on May 30 at the Melbourne Convention Center.

The program for the evening was about Echo Link. Jim Woodring WA0VED presented some facts about Echo Link and then answered questions from the floor. A motion was made and carried that Echo Link be installed on the 97 machine.

APRIL BEARS REPORT

The BEARS met on 04/08/03, the evening after the Brevard County Board of Commissioner's meeting, and it was standing room only! A big THANK YOU! to all of you who attended. I've been promised that we won't be crammed into the Media Room next month, so mark your calendar for 05/13/03, 7pm, County EOC. Also mark your calendars for the following upcoming events and activities:

1) Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) badging process, May 12th, Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society's meeting, 7pm, Salvation Army Building on Hickory Street, Melbourne. That's just down the street and around the corner from the Melbourne Auditorium. Talk-in frequency 146.850. If you have already completed an application form, but have not yet received your badge, then this is the next opportunity. If you are interested in ARES, just let Ed, KG4KVO, or me know, and we'll get that application for you.

2) Brevard County CERT Drill/ Roundup. May 31st at the Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne campus, South Babcock, all day, 2 sessions, one in the morning, another in the afternoon, POC: Nancy Smith, Office of Emergency Management. BEARS Comm II, will be there to support the effort.

3) ARC Ride for the Red, Bicycle Tour of Brevard County, fundraising effort, April 26th, early morning to mid afternoon, Wickham Park Pavilion, Melbourne. TARC has again agreed to provide communications support to the Stop and Go (SAG) site in North Brevard at the Old Warbird Museum, near the TiCo Executive Airport. (early morning only) POC Ed Wirth, KG4KVO, North AEC. Comm II, will be at the Melbourne location. Added this year: Bicycle Rodeo for the youngsters, the Police will run the Rodeo and I've been promised the Kids will love it & have lots of fun! Anybody want to have fun with ATV?

4) 04/26/03, The Brevard County Vietnam Veteran's Reunion activities kick off with their traditional Stand down, then on the 27th the Moving Wall will be in the county.

5) May 1,2 & 3, The Brevard County Vietnam Veteran's Reunion Party at Wickham Park, Melbourne. Saturday night entertainment: Paul Revere & the Raiders. POC for Communications Support, Bob Bodine, KB4WIC, Space Coast REACT.

6) May 13-14, State Hurricane Drill, EOC, the entire State of Florida, listen on 146.91.

7) May 17 VOAD Showcase, Melbourne, POC:Rev. David Harris, K0TAX, VOAD Chairman. Who wants to help me hand out brochures and talk up the hobby!

8) May 31st, Kiwanis Disaster Preparedness Show, Merritt Square Mall, MI, 9am - 2pm? I'll get more details as they are published. Yes, BEARS will be in 2 places on the same day, just like the real thing! If you'd like to help hand out brochures and talk up the Hobby, please let me know. We can use your support and involvement at these Public Awareness activities.

9) June 9-13, Governor's Hurricane Conference, Tampa. They usually have a day for Ham Radio/ARRL Forum: it's FREE! Who wants to car pool?

At our last meeting the BEARS selected a Committee to work on a focused message about Volunteer Emergency Communications support to the County. Serving on this committee are: Karen Power, KD4DJX & Eric Power, KD4DJW, Dan Fisher, KG4DSJ, and Ozzie, N4SCY. Please feel free to share your ideas about with these wonderful dedicated Volunteer Emergency Communicators.

Ed Wirth, KG4KVO, has volunteered to work on the BEARS web page, part of Brevard County's OEM web site, so don't be shocked if it starts to look really good! Feel free to share your suggestions with Ed.

The Brevard County ARC Disaster Services is moving its office to their Melbourne Office, on Hickory, just down the street from the Salvation Army building. Joe Mitchell, K4AW, has offered to serve as their Communications POC.

Brevard County ARES/RACES nets on Wednesdays, at 9am and again at 7pm, on 147.135. The BEARS meet at 7pm, on the second Tuesday of the month at the County EOC in Rockledge. Talk-in frequency is 147.135. Our meetings are open, but you must have valid identification and you must sign -in at the front desk, so come a little early. If you have any questions, please give me a call: 264-2492.

Please remember that Volunteer Emergency Communicators are a big part of the total Homeland Security effort. When Ed and I ask for volunteers, we're not asking for a whole day, just an hour or two, so maybe another volunteer can take a lunch break or something. Please consider helping us get the message out at these Public Service and Awareness events. Thank you.

Stephanie Phillips, K4MVO
President, BEARS Inc.

TREASURER REPORT
By Becky Lee KF4HTB

Beginning Bal.	$1,807.27
Deposits	$1,960.68
Total Income	$3,767.95
Expenditures	847.20
Balance (3/31/03)	$2,920.75

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike Abell W4EPU

SALT, THE GOOD AND THE BAD: Everyone, I am sure, has heard expressions like, "Water, Water Everywhere but not a Drop to Drink", which has to do with salt in ocean water, or "Salt of the Earth" which is usually complementary.

"Cut down on sodium intake." That is what most doctors advise patients to do, when they are diagnosed with high blood pressure or other cardiac illnesses. Of course, sodium is the main ingredient in salt (Sodium Chloride NaCl). In other words, doctors are saying, "Put less salt on your food". One doctor went so for as to write that everyone should throw away all saltshakers. However, those having been noted, please observe that all animals, including humans, require both sodium and chloride for life and health. Since the body can manufacture neither of these essential elements they are obtained by salt intake, in proper amounts, of course.

But wait! Always heed the advice of your doctors, but there are also many *good* uses for salt. More often than not, regardless of what kind of dental work performed, dentists will tell their patients to wash their mouth in salt water often for the next few days. In addition to making the mouth feel clean, it coagulates any bleeding, which may be caused by the dental work.

It is very healthy for the skin. Those who often swim in the Ocean hardly ever have skin or scalp problems.

There are many other good uses for salt. The following are only a few of the more than 14,000 known uses:

Salt is an excellent blood coagulator. Put it on a fresh cut and the bleeding will stop almost immediately. It also tends to sterilize the area. There will be a slight burning sensation but it will go away almost immediately. Salt-water gargle is soothing to a sore throat. Salt water is also a very good eyewash. Polish your teeth with a mixture of salt and baking soda. Mix salt with other ingredients to enhance their cleaning powers. Examples: Salt and vinegar mixture cleans copper, brass and pewter. Salt and lemon juice cleans glass and ceramics. Salt and turpentine removes stains from tile and toilet bowls. Salt is an excellent preservative. Back in the days when farmers had no electricity they preserved their meats by packing it in salt. It would keep all summer without refrigeration. I know! - I was there.

Finally; the next time you go to the beach, take a gallon jug and fill it with water in the surf. Take it home, strain it to get rid of any sand or other particles and boil it to kill the bacteria it may contain. You will have a gallon of fine salt water for many uses.
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CLUB INFORMATION

Meetings: Monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 PM at the Jaycee Building , 405 N. Singleton Ave.

Next Meeting Date: 25 March

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Deadline for the next input to the newsletter is 19 May 2003

Nets:

Red Eye– Sundays 6 AM – 7 AM on 7.228 MHz

Traders – Mondays at 10 AM on 146.91

Friendship – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on 146.91

Mosquito-Wednesdays at 7 PM on 28.333

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Total membership: 176
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NEW MEMBERS:
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APRIL'S BIRTHDAYS:

04/ 06 KS4BD DARWIN MCCOMBS
04/08 K4ATD ANGIE DIMEO
04/08 KF4FEY PENNY MANION
04/10 KF4UN DAVE POST
04/13 KE4YQF MARY LORENZI
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